

Senate Resolution 637

By: Senator Harbison of the 15th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring and commending John Butler; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, John Butler, son of Nathan and Lavonia Butler, was born in Columbus,
3 Georgia, on August 8, 1925; and
- 4 WHEREAS, he graduated from Spencer High School, establishing himself as a football star
5 known as "Flash," and attended Morris Brown College in Atlanta, Georgia; and
- 6 WHEREAS, John Butler joined the United States Marines and rose to the rank of Gunnery
7 Sergeant E-7 before retiring in 1968 after 22 years of distinguished service; and
- 8 WHEREAS, he served during three major crises, World War II, the Korean War, and the
9 Vietnam Conflict, and is the recipient of many prestigious honors, including the Purple
10 Heart, Victory Medal, National Defense Service Medal, American Campaign, Asiatic-Pacific
11 Campaign, Good Conduct with five stars, Vietnam Service medal, and the Presidential Unit
12 Citation; and
- 13 WHEREAS, he is the husband of the late Eva Butler and the devoted father of Bennie
14 Butler-Newroth, Thomas Butler, Margie Butler, and Altheia Butler; and
- 15 WHEREAS, he is the proud grandfather of five grandchildren, Thomas Butler, Jr., Carlo
16 Newroth, Bridgett Marshall, Jennifer Ogletree, and John Quinn Newroth and the
17 great-grandfather of Justin Patrick Marshall, Jonathan Tyler Butler, Jordan Christopher
18 Butler, Andrew Jalon Ogletree, and Ashlee McKayla Ogletree; and
- 19 WHEREAS, our nation's monumental military accomplishments were achieved only through
20 the bravery, heroism, and sacrifices of John Butler and his generation, and the State of
21 Georgia is honored to have such a distinguished veteran as one of its citizens.

- 1 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
- 2 join in honoring and commending John Butler for his outstanding patriotism and service in
- 3 defense of the United States and extend to him the appreciation of a grateful state and nation.

- 4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
- 5 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to John Butler.